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IN accordance with a request of Mr. A. W. Cummins, Editor-in-Chief of the *Lafayette*, THE BURR Board have decided to exchange letters at regular intervals with the Editors of the *Lafayette*, so that hereafter a regular correspondence will take place between THE BURR, the *Cornell Sun*, and the *Lafayette*.

WE note with gratification the fact that running water has been brought into the Athletic Grounds, for in the past we have experienced much inconvenience from the want of the hydrant there. The benefits of this addition are apparent now that the grounds are to be seeded, for the turf can be

kept in a much better condition than it could without this improvement.

WE wish most heartily to thank the manager and players of the year's Foot-Ball Team for the excellent work they have done during the past season. Having, as they have had, almost insuperable obstacles to overcome, they have given Lehigh the most successful season in foot-ball she has ever had, and we feel that there will be but little doubt that this season will be long remembered as the one in which Lehigh was raised from the position of a poor Foot-Ball College to the rank of second in the State.

AFTER the magnificent manner in which the Lehigh Foot-Ball Team and men accompanying it were treated by the Cornell men and citizens of Elmira, particularly by the Alpha Delta Kappa Epsilon Society of that place, it would be ungrateful did THE BURR not voice the thanks of those who enjoyed this hospitality while at Elmira. The men report that they never enjoyed a better time, and hope, as does THE BURR, that this game was but the beginning of a series to be played yearly between the colleges.

IT was originally intended to have the subscription price of THE BURR two dollars after Christmas, but for several reasons it has been decided to have this go into effect after February 1st, 1888, and after that date this price will be charged. The subscription price up to that time will be as now, one dollar and a half.

In fixing the price at a dollar and a half, if paid before that time, the editors fixed upon the lowest possible sum, and if this is not paid before the time set, the extra amount to be paid will be the fault of the men themselves.



NOW that preparations are being made to have the Athletic Grounds sodded, it would be well to say a few words in regard to the erection of a new grand stand. For several years past the old one has only been an eyesore to the grounds and really worse than nothing. If a new stand is not built the present one might, at least, have its roof repaired. In the condition it now is in it would afford little or no protection to the occupants during a storm. Some means ought also be taken to keep the seats clean, so that in case any member of the fair sex should come to witness some athletic contest she would not depart disgusted with the miserable arrangements.

IT is with feelings of most heartfelt sorrow that THE BURR announces to the University the death of Mr. W. H. Herrick, the former Director of the Gymnasium, of consumption. The students in the classes which have entered during the past three years did not know Mr. Herrick, but with those to whom he was known he was most popular. Mr. Herrick, when he came, had many difficulties to strive against, having to introduce a new system of gymnasium training and give athletics an impetus. All of this he did, and did it well, and it was with real regret that the students saw him leave, which he was compelled to do by the disease that finally killed him. To his family and friends THE BURR expresses its most heartfelt sympathy.

THE students of Lehigh cannot show too much the gratitude they feel to the Alumni in having our Athletic Grounds completely fixed up. The extreme youth of the University precludes the possibility of our Alumni showing their interest and generosity, as we see around us in older colleges. We have thought too long that the graduates of Lehigh took no interest in our doings and welfare, but this most substantial gift shows us how we were mistaken in our estimate.

This gift, as Prof. Williams has stated, is in

the nature of a loan, in the fact that the donors expect us to pay them, not in money, but in increased interest and better work in athletics. We should consider it in this light and repay the loan with interest.

AT the end of this term Lehigh University parts with Prof. W. A. Lamberton, who for many years has occupied the chair of Greek in this institution. Although comparatively few take the Classical course at Lehigh and the atmosphere of the place is decidedly technical, Prof. Lamberton has always maintained a high standard of excellence in the department intrusted to him. For the same reason, only a small proportion of the students are acquainted with Prof. Lamberton as a teacher, but those who are so acquainted unite in unstinted praise of his excellent system of teaching and of the relations he has ever maintained with those under his instruction, while all agree that he has always been one who raised the tone of the College within and her reputation without. The entire College parts with Prof. Lamberton with deep regret and wishes him the high measure of success to which his attainments entitle him.

THE BURR has spoken from time to time of the extra work required on Saturdays of the upper classmen, but it seems as though the Faculty were not as yet moved to compassion. We will once more enter our protest against it, not only because it is against the spirit and the letter of the Register, but because to carry this practice right to the very midst of examinations is certainly an outrage. The work required of the men during the week is the same, according to the roster, as though the compulsory Saturday work did not exist, and the only attempt to atone for a morning's hard work is to omit one of the recitations in the subject the following week. An advance lesson is, however, assigned and the ground covered is the same, the student being the loser of the instruction he might have received

in the missed recitation. How the foregoing method effects the necessary compensation we are not fortunate enough to see.

WE regret to see that among those of the College regulations concerning the students which are kept away from human eyes lies the greatly-longed-for and much-vaunted 8.5 rule. Everybody speaks of the new rule in terms most complimentary to the Faculty that framed it; everybody seems to be striving to avoid the unpleasant ordeal of examinations by obtaining the required average; but when closely questioned in regard to it nobody has a definite knowledge of the rule. Everyone has a different idea, made to suit his own particular case, and even among Professors and Instructors the construction put on it is so varied as to discourage the most ardent of students. We know of one case where the Instructor stated that every man having an absence in his department, whether this be from the *extra* work done on Saturdays and the absence excused, would have to undergo the examination, no matter what his mark might be. In another instance the Professor remarked to the class that the 8.5 rule would not apply in his particular subject. As we understand it, a student must have a term mark of at least 8.5 to be passed without an examination and his mark must be .1 higher for every excused absence in the subject. This is certainly reasonable and sufficiently fair, but even so we are not sure as to whether we are on the right track. The surest means of arriving at a proper understanding of the matter is to have the rule interpreted by some one who has the authority to know. At the beginning of every term the President has the rules of the University read and explained for the benefit of the newcomers; we hope that he will soon explain the 8.5 rule for the benefit of the whole College.

THE visit paid us on the 1st of December by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers cannot fail to bring our University more prominently before the public, and if

the compliments of the visitors meant anything Lehigh will be not only widely, but favorably known.

If Mrs. Grundy had been giving a grand party, no greater pains could have been taken for the entertainment of the guests than were taken by the members of the Mechanical Engineering Department for the entertainment of the visiting Engineers; and certainly the noted dame could not have made a greater effort to put her best foot foremost and make a good appearance than did the heads of the Mechanical Engineering Department. The Senior Drawing Room was made general headquarters and repository for all the mechanical apparatus that had ever been used about the University. The desks were cleared up and covered with the best drawings that could be found.

A generous sprinkling of text-books, tablets, and drawing instruments completed the display. The Seniors were detailed as guides, or assigned positions along the drives, on the landings or about the doors; and while they received instructions about how to wave their hands, what to show and what not to show, they busied themselves with dusting the chandeliers and cleaning up drawers. The idea seemed to prevail that the visitors would be thirsting for information and the guides were to have at their tongue's end the amount of coal burned per annum, etc. The buildings were to be shown in order—Packer, the Gymnasium, Library, Laboratory, Electrical Laboratory, and finally the Boiler House. The Hydraulic Laboratory was to be shunned and the new Church designated by a graceful wave of the left hand. After this preparation the Seniors went to the west end of Packer to meet the learned guests with something like the feeling with which a man goes into an examination. They were greatly relieved to see plenty of ribbons and bonnets, and felt that all was plain sailing with that kind of sight-seers to pilot.

The Draughting Rooms made a very creditable appearance, and the many fine drawings were thoroughly appreciated. Almost the only

embarrassing question asked, and that question was asked a great many times, was—"Where are the Machine Shops?"

The Gymnasium, Library and Laboratory were very much admired. After leaving the Electrical Laboratory the guides tried to start the party toward the Boiler House, but the ladies would not go, but all cried "Chapel," and so the round was finished at the new Church. Many favorable comments were made on the University and the guests seemed much pleased with their visit.

IN order to speak clearly and thoroughly upon the action of the University of Pennsylvania in not playing Lehigh a return game of foot-ball, THE BURR has waited until some explanation could be made by the Manager of the former team; but this the Manager has not seen fit to attempt. Therefore, it becomes the duty of THE BURR, as the official organ of Lehigh, to give to the college world both the statement of the case and the opinion of Lehigh in regard to the action of the University of Pennsylvania.

After twice canceling two dates—one in Philadelphia and one in South Bethlehem—previously arranged with Lehigh by correspondence between Mr. G. Q. Horwitz, Manager of the University of Pennsylvania Foot-Ball Team, and Mr. R. K. Polk, of the Lehigh Team, at the instance of the former, two games were arranged between the two teams, one in Philadelphia, on Saturday, Nov. 12, the other in South Bethlehem, on Monday, Nov. 14. These dates were proposed by Mr. Horwitz, and although Monday was not a good day for a foot-ball game Mr. Polk, despairing of obtaining games with Pennsylvania at any other time, accepted.

Lehigh's part of the contract was fulfilled. The team went to Philadelphia on November 12th, and were defeated, in what Pennsylvania acknowledges herself to have been the closest game ever played on the grounds, by a score of 6 to 4.

After this game the Manager of the Pennsylvania Team faithfully promised to live up to his share of the contract, and play the already advertised return game in South Bethlehem on the following Monday. With this understanding our team returned to Bethlehem.

On the following Monday morning the *Philadelphia Press* contained an article stating that the Pennsylvania Team would not be able to play in Bethlehem that day, although they had expected to up to half-past ten o'clock the night before, as the Faculty had refused to allow the team to leave town two days in the week, and they were scheduled to play Harvard in Cambridge on Saturday. About ten o'clock the same day a telegram was received from Mr. Horwitz, containing the same information and saying that he would write and explain the case, but the letter has never been received. This is a statement of the facts.

That a manager would cancel a return game would seem strange, but when one does so, after having fixed the date himself, it would make it appear doubly so. Captain Miel of the University Team told a man then starting (7:30 Sunday evening) for Bethlehem that the team would positively play in Bethlehem the next day, and the Faculty of the University of Pennsylvania must be a strange one to hold meetings Sunday night in order to refuse to allow the team to absent themselves from college the following day, although in this case they might have done so to save the team the almost sure defeat that they would have received had they fulfilled their engagement. But this does not alter the fact that the team were pledged to play us here and failed to keep their pledge, and in doing this they have forfeited the esteem of every decent college. In speaking of Dickinson canceling the return game, THE BURR said that the action was worthy of a high school, and when a college with the prestige of the University of Pennsylvania does this it proves that the name of "Big High School" so frequently applied to the University of Pennsylvania is well deserved.



## THE TWO WITS.

TWO very funny men I know,  
Two jokers of renown,  
I meet them everywhere I go  
At every house in town.

A welcome warm from every host  
Is given to these two,  
Their friends see who can laugh the most  
At everything they do.

And everywhere these men appear  
They get the sweetest smiles,  
Their funny stories bring good cheer,  
Their wit the time beguiles.

The "Lions of Society,"  
"Original" and "bright:"  
Methinks if I could clever be  
'Twould give me great delight.

'Tis strange, though rivals, they are friends,  
And quarrel merrily;  
And if on one your glance descends  
The other you will see.

Each other's wit these men provoke,  
Yet each the other heeds;  
When one of them gets off a joke,  
The laugh the other leads.

It used to cause me much surprise  
The ever ready pun—  
The bright remarks, the quick replies,  
The never ending fun.

With pleasure keen I heard one day  
Their merry voices sound—  
I went my compliments to pay  
And hear the witty round.

The door was open and I took  
A survey of the pair—  
One held within his hand a book,  
Its pages worse for wear.

At intervals from it he read  
Conundrum, pun or joke;  
The other then the answer said,  
Or into laughter broke.

And thus they drilled each other well  
To take each funny part,  
Just when to laugh at every "sell"—  
They knew it all by heart.

I turned my back upon the door,  
I'd solved the mystery;  
To be a wit I long no more.  
No funny men for me.

## THE COLLEGE MEETING.

IN response to a call for a College meeting  
Saturday morning, Dec. 3, at 9 o'clock,  
quite a large number of students were gathered  
in the Assembly Room at Christmas Hall, when  
they listened to a talk by Prof. E. H. Williams.  
For the benefit of those who did not attend  
that meeting we would note some of the many  
practical suggestions given there.

Prof. Williams addressed his remarks principally to the three lower classes. He spoke of the growing interest which the Alumni were taking in athletics at their *Alma Mater* and made the very welcome announcement that improvements upon the Athletic Grounds had already been begun and that by next September, by ploughing, fertilizing, and seeding, the grounds would have a solid turf upon them. But in order that the good work might not be entirely undone, as was the case several years ago when the grounds were ploughed up, it would be necessary to close the grounds until next September at least and allow no training whatever to be done on them until that time.

A fund for the repairing of the grounds and for *keeping* them in repair was being established and the Alumni called upon the undergraduates to raise one hundred dollars, and to this end desired that the class treasurer collect immediately at least twenty-five cents apiece from the men in their classes and turn this over to Mr. Robt. P. Linderman, '84.

But after giving us better grounds the old excuse would be removed and the Alumni would claim that more thorough and systematic training be done and consequently better records be made.

It was strongly urged that more attention be paid to the Freshman Classes as they enter. That the selection of men for the different sports be made after careful study of their strength, lung-power, and development as indicated by measurements taken by the Director of the Gymnasium. A comparison of the average Lehigh man with the average Harvard man showed that we had as good material

with which to work as entered Harvard. We also have a Gymnasium run on Dr. Sargeant's plan, but we do not make as practical an application of physical examinations as we ought, for some men are physically adapted to be sprinters, others to be long-distance runners foot-ball players, &c. By selecting the material on this basis and by steady practice the suitable material might be well developed by the Junior year. A good suggestion was made about selecting the teams before Winter and requiring steady practice, and then, when the team should come into the field for a series of games, having it understood that that team was to be the team for the season, without the occasional substitution of some man who had played a brilliant game in some class team or whose only recommendations were laurels gained elsewhere.

With some well-placed criticisms on the past we are glad to hear some practical suggestions for improvement in the future, and coming as they do from a man of experience and who is in a position to judge of the progress and needs of Athletics at Lehigh they are all the more prized, and we hope will not go unheeded.

#### A DECEPTION.

A FLUFFY mass of golden hair,  
Two laughing eyes and cherry lips,  
I sit and watch her day by day,  
As down the street she lightly trips.  
She wears the daintiest of gloves,  
A jaunty feather in her hat,  
Her nose is slightly stub, but still  
I'm sure you'd never think of that.  
So lightly does she trip along,  
She looks so sweet, so debonnaire;  
I sigh and murmur to myself,  
"Was ever anything so fair?"  
If I could only meet her once,  
And once could press that tiny hand,  
I'd be her slave forevermore,  
To live or die at her command.  
No longer do I watch for her;  
Alas! how quickly love does fade,  
The other day I learned that she  
Was only Mrs. Brown's new maid.

X. V.

#### FOOT-BALL.



CORNELL, 10; LEHIGH, 38.

**T**HANKSGIVING DAY the team went to Elmira and played the much advertised game with Cornell. The team left Bethlehem immediately after the Lafayette game on the 23d and reached their destination early the next morning. By reason of a sleet storm in the morning the grounds were in a very slippery condition. About 1000 people, including 500 Cornell men, witnessed the game—the second which Cornell had played. The delegation from Lehigh was, of course, rather small. The game was called at 2:45 and the teams lined as followed:

Cornell: Rushers—Dunn, McDowell, Treman, Stranahan, Ludlow, Thayer, Yawer; quarter-back—Teeple; half-backs—Sheldon (captain) and Howell; back—Bennett.

Lehigh: Rushers—Wetzel, Davis, Rafferty, Martin, Detweiler, Dougherty, Barnard; quarter-back—Walker; half-backs—Long and Corbin (captain); back—Chace.

Cornell had the ball and kicked it nearly to our goal, where it was downed. Thayer got the ball and made a touch-down in less than one minute, from which a goal was kicked. The Cornell contingent went wild and the Lehigh team awoke to what had occurred. The ball was rushed rapidly into Cornell's territory and a touch-down was made. The ball was punted out and in a few minutes Sheldon had sent the leather flying down to the centre of the field, where it was held for some time, McDowell for Cornell and Corbin for Lehigh doing some good work. Again the ball was forced into

Cornell's field and over their line. Score: Cornell 6, Lehigh 8.

The ball was punted out and Cornell secured it, but lost it to Lehigh by kicking it out of bounds. Corbin then made a touch-down after a brilliant run. No goal. Score, 12 to 6. Soon after Chace was slightly injured and gave way to Barnard. Two more touch-downs followed in quick succession, increasing our score to 20. The first half was nearly over when, the ball being in Cornell's possession and dangerously near her goal-line, Sheldon made a magnificent run nearly the whole length of the field and made a touch-down. Cornell again went wild, and with good reason. No goal. Score: Cornell 10, Lehigh 20.

In the second half our team, by good work, forced the ball very near their opponent's goal-line, where it remained for some time, until Long, by a fine run, made a touch-down. No goal. The rush-line did its work and soon the leather was again planted behind Cornell's goal-line. Being taken out, it soon sailed between the goal-posts, making the score 30 to 10. After another touch-down Long made some good runs and brought it near Cornell's goal-line. The rushers forced it over. No more points were scored. Score: Cornell 10, Lehigh 38.

The referee was Ray Tompkins, formerly captain of the Yale Team; the umpire, Manager Morton of the Lafayette Team. Both performed their duties satisfactorily.

In the evening the Alpha Delta Kappa Epsilon Society of Elmira banqueted the two teams and a number of friends. Walker, '89, represented THE BURR.

#### THE GOSSIP.

LIFE in the Chemical Laboratory has been a comparatively unknown phase of Lehigh's existence, since Qualitative Analysis was eliminated from all the courses except Chemistry and Mining. To The Gossip it reminds one of those haunted houses which all except the fearless are afraid to enter. The Civils

and Mechanicals have some work in the Metallurgical wing, and the Freshmen have lectures in the lecture room, but all the rest of the building is dedicated to Mining and Chemistry. Strolling through the building the other day, The Gossip entered the Quantitative Room, where mingled with fumes of ammonia, bromine and chlorine, a loud buzz of mingled voices met his ears. Just then there was a loud crash; somebody had spoilt a basic acetate, and as the flask was thrown into the sink a prolonged chorus of "oh's," given as only men in the Quantitative Laboratory can give them, accompanied the crash. Down stairs the Juniors were poisoning cats in the course of toxicology, and preparing themselves for a future life of anarchy, and imagining that each cat was a capitalist, or as the Anarchists themselves prefer to call them, a "Jackal."

In the basement the scene was mournful in the extreme. Here the Seniors were assaying, and it was enough to bring tears to the eyes of a graven image to see these worthy men, after having had four years in which to prepare themselves for it, know so little about shoveling coal and building fires. They knew so little about shoveling coal that The Gossip sat down on an adjacent crucible furnace and wept. Looking over the shoulders The Gossip had the pleasure of seeing the button, which they had worked for two hours to obtain, run through the cupel, and in trying to prevent the melted metal from running through the muffle, saw two scorifiers and another cupel upset. A suggestion was then made by the assayers that The Gossip be put on the elevator and run down to the cellar to meditate on his sins, but before this could be put into practice The Gossip made his escape.

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An organization which, like all other organizations of that character at Lehigh, has been sadly neglected, is the St. Andrew's Guild. From all that The Gossip can glean, the general impression is that it is purely a church society, that it is intended only for



members of the Episcopal Church, and that the meetings are of a purely religious character. This is a great mistake, and The Gossip has been requested to announce that the Guild is open to all members of the University, and that its exercises at each meeting are those decided upon by those members at the previous one. The Guild has been sadly neglected, but now that its members have infused new life into and found a real object for it, The Gossip sincerely hopes that a larger number of men will join it and work for it than ever before. During the coming year a series of sermons will be delivered in the Chapel under the auspices of the Guild. The first one will be delivered next Sunday by the Rev. Dr. McConnell of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

#### THE ADVENTURES OF A PICTURE.

**I**N the first place, let me describe myself. I am a picture which first appeared in a New York weekly. I represent a young man and young woman sitting and talking together. The joke originally was headed, "Things one would rather have left unsaid." She—"Shall I sing for you?" He (absently)—"Anything but that."

I was good; the joke was not. Then I was seized upon by a college paper, and by a skillful manipulation of the shears a real joke was attached to me. I then represented a maiden sitting on an Instructor by inquiring if he was a Freshman. This was not bad, and reflected great credit on the Editor, and the shears—particularly the latter.

Then I went West, and the paper of a small co-educational college seized upon me to display to the world the beauties of co-education. I then represented a young man, just graduating, proposing to "keep company" with a girl in his class. I felt pained that I should have come so low as this.

I now went South, and represented a modern knight, about to enter a tournament, asking his "ladye love" for some token. My sensations in this scene were, as you might imagine,

very solemn. I thought that here I might be allowed to rest, but, alas! such was not my fate.

By some means the girl's face grew aged, and I again was seized upon by a college paper. All my old friends failed to recognize me in my new phase. I represented, in turn, a mother giving her son, just going to college, good advice; a college widow telling the Freshman about his father; the President's wife encouraging the Freshman to talk; a mother asking the student his intentions in regard to her daughter; a Sophomore disguised on a hazing tour; a landlady giving a student the grand bounce, and a wash-woman demanding her money. In fact, everything that the brain of a college Editor could invent I, that picture which started out with such bright prospects and a poor joke, represent.

But the worst had not yet come: I represented in the *Police Gazette* a picture of two inmates of a lunatic asylum—I, I did.

You can well imagine the state of my feelings by this time. Nothing could efface the effects of this last blow from my memory, and I did not have the least sensation of shame when I was seized upon by the advertising agencies. The female was renovated and looked young again, I was then a young man asking a girl if she used the Northumberland Sisters' Hair Restorer, and was then reversed by the girl telling the youth to use it for his moustache. I rang the various changes, I was used for theatrical advertising, I was used for patent medicines; nothing was bad enough for me, and I got old and seedy, and was not surprised one day to see myself in the present state placed beside my old likeness, in a "before and after taking" advertisement. During all this time I took no count of time, my memory failed under these repeated blows, and at times I failed to recognize myself, and could not tell you whence I came.

One day, however, I heard a familiar voice, It brought back a tide of recollections which overwhelmed me—it was the voice of the Editor



of the first college paper who recognized my merits. It said, "Here's a cut that will just fit; Jones can touch it up a little and we can put that joke on Smith under it and nobody will recognize it, and it will just fill up that half-page."

Alas! to go through all those changes again! It is too much. I am old in usefulness, and if I have to go through all the college papers again, with the same old jokes, I do not know what I will do. The recollections of my injuries are too much for me, and I can say no more.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

[The editors are not responsible for any opinion expressed in this column. No anonymous communications published.]

**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—Your comic writer gives us in your last issue, of Dec. 1st, a lengthy and rambling article entitled "A Retrospect," which proves to be an attack on the athletes and athletic managers of Lehigh both for the past and present.

That this is unjust and uncalled for would be evidence to anyone acquainted with the conditions under which our athletes and managers struggle.

It is not my wish to enter into a discussion of the subject, but inasmuch as I am attacked in the article above referred to I deem it but proper that I should correct the impression conveyed and the statements made as to my management of the Foot-Ball Team. The writer claims that games have been lost "by want of foresight" on the part of the manager. The two dates broken were with Dickinson and the University of Pennsylvania. In both cases both the verbal and written promises of the respective managers had been given me, and the referees and umpires decided upon.

When notice was received from Dickinson that they would not come, I wrote and telegraphed the manager and tried in every possible way to have him bring the team. When I found this impossible I telegraphed to all the available teams I knew of to get a game, but the date had been broken so late that I could

accomplish nothing. In the case of the University of Pennsylvania game it was too late to do anything, although I telegraphed the manager that I would claim the game unless his team came. When managers break their engagements I certainly cannot be held responsible for their shortcomings. It is not customary in the arrangement of games, even in the Inter-Collegiate Foot-Ball Association, to fix a forfeit of any kind, and even if such a forfeit had been agreed upon we could not have collected it. When other managers are dishonorable enough to break the dates they have agreed upon, you are helpless to prevent it.

It is claimed that we were "jewed out of the game" by my acceptance of referees and umpires "known to be prejudiced and incompetent."

During the past season, in every case the umpires and referees were entirely satisfactory; except in the game with University of Pennsylvania. In selecting the referee for this game, as in all others where the men were not known to me or other members of the foot-ball committee, my plan was to find out what games the men had refereed and what satisfaction they had given. On inquiry I found that this man had been chosen to referee one of the Inter-Collegiate games, in which the University of Pennsylvania was one of the contending teams. This being the case, I could not object to him. I was also told by several men in the College that he was a very good referee. That the umpire selected did not turn up was no fault of mine. In this case we could do nothing better than take a Lehigh man, which we did. During the season all matters of importance were referred to the team, and I was always guided by the wishes of the players; as I considered them more interested and more capable of judging than an outsider, especially those who applaud when we win and find fault when we lose.

Any advice offered me during the season would have been gratefully received, and I

would have striven to profit by it, and I think it very unfair that now the season is over we should be attacked. In every case we did the best we could for Lehigh, and while I do not claim that no faults were made, I would call attention to the fact that the season was the most successful we ever played at Lehigh, both in number of games won and financially.

The writer of "A Retrospect" doubtless had a good object in view, but this is lost sight of when it develops into an abuse of the men who have devoted their time to the advancement of the athletic interests of Lehigh.

R. K. POLK,

Manager of Lehigh Foot-Ball Team.

**E**DITIONS LEHIGH BURR:—In your article, "Retrospect," in the last issue, you do great injustice to the manager of the Foot-Ball Team. No man in College devoted as much of his time to foot-ball as did the manager. The broken dates could not possibly have been prevented. When other managers act dishonorably, there is no redress at the time. His ability as a manager was known immediately after his presidency of the Athletic Association, and then was the time to find faults if there were any, and not now after a season of hard, conscientious work, when manager and players as well should receive the hearty thanks and praise of the whole College.

If the writer of that article will but refer to the papers of some of those colleges which he quotes as being so successful in athletics, he will not find at the end of the season long articles casting reproach and finding fault because their team happened to lose a game to even their bitterest rivals; on the contrary, he will find congratulations and praise because no more games were lost. During the season and while the games are going on is the time to offer suggestions and criticize, and not after everything is over, and when such suggestions will be forgotten long before we are ready to to play again.

FAIRPLAY.

## DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this department are solicited.]

'74.—J. P. Meyer is with C. J. L. Meyer's Sons & Co., North Pier, Chicago, Ill.

'74.—W. Marshall Rees, C.E., is at work for the Government on the Mississippi River.

'78.—J. E. Gilbert is a Cashier in the First National Bank at Mitchell, Dak.

'78.—C. J. Bechdolt is Assistant Engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Harrisburg, Pa.

'83.—F. H. Purnell, C. E. E. M., has been elected a member of the Maryland Legislature. During the months of January, February and March his address will be Annapolis, Md.

'85.—I. A. Heikes is with the Magnetic Iron Ore Co., Carthage, Jefferson County, N.Y.

'87.—G. T. Richards, C. E., is situated at Pittsburgh, Pa.

## KERNELS.

—In the re-examination in entrance Algebra, out of 26 applicants all but three passed.

—Senior (examining one of the wooden crystals used in Crystallography): "Is that the way it grew?"

—A member of the class in Lithology the other day remarked that a certain substance was with difficulty fusible in acids.

—Professor in Analytics to Sophomore: "In which part of the circle is that point located?" Sophomore: "In the extreme right-hand corner, Sir."

—A bulletin board has been placed outside of Prof. Doolittle's room, and hereafter all announcements in the department of Mathematics will be placed upon it.

—The Athletic Grounds has been ploughed and preparations are being made to have it sown with grass seed, in order to have it in good condition when Spring comes.

—On Saturday morning, December 3rd, a College Meeting was held, in Christmas Hall, at which the best methods for training the Team were discussed. Prof. Williams presided.

—Mr. C. N. Lake, Instructor in Qualitation, Analysis and Assaying, has been called home on account of the illness of his mother. During his absence his duties will be performed by Mr. Mackintosh.

—At a recent meeting of the Junior Class it was decided that E. Diebitsch, who will be away on a visit to Nicaragua until next Spring, should retain his office as President of his class, and that during his absence Vice-President J. Lockett should act as President.

—Now that a hydrant has been placed in the Athletic Grounds the thirsty or injured athlete can receive the benefits of this necessity without waiting for water to be brought from a neighboring residence. Now there will be no excuse for not closing that gap in the fence

which in the past has been an inlet for crowds of urchins.

—The following elections have been made this term: Tau Beta Pi—C. N. Butler, W. A. McFarland, M. V. Domenech, P. H. De Witt, L. M. P. Gaston, J. B. Glover, C. D. Marshall and C. H. Miller, all of '88. The Mining Club—H. A. J. Wilkens and H. B. C. Nitze of '87, and J. W. Dougherty, C. Walker, A. K. Reese and C. W. Corbin of '89.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

[It is desired that ALL Exchanges be sent to Box 500, Bethlehem, Pa.]

COMMENTS.—The *Harvard Monthly*, of which M. A. de Wolfe Howe, Jr., '86, is Editor-in-Chief, contains a lengthy article, "An Ideal in Athletics," by E. J. Wendell, Harvard, '82, the champion short-distance runner. In commenting on college journalism it says: "For those who regard college journalism as a preparatory school for literary and newspaper work in life there is not much comfort to be found in the perusal of undergraduate publications from every part of the country. The standard is highest in college papers of the East. Naturally the largest colleges produce the best work, and of our three leading Eastern universities it may modestly be said that Harvard, the largest, stands at the head. But Harvard, Yale and Princeton do not by any means supply the country with its entire stock of writers. The ranks of journalism probably receive their most considerable additions from our countless small colleges, and especially from those of the South and West. It is fair to judge the literary standards of these colleges by their college papers. The only judgment at which one can arrive is that the standards are lamentably low. One can almost count on the fingers of two hands the papers, even including those of the East, whose columns are not filled with trash in the shape of hopelessly immature contributions and "items" of purely parochial interest. There seems to be no specific remedy for this state of affairs. The only cure for it—a cure which cannot be counted upon with certainty for any given time—is a wide-spread reform in the methods of instruction in English and a decided growth of literary taste. Until such reform and growth come the prospect of improvement in 'newspaper English' must remain faint."

We are gratified that the foot-ball season has ended with the most kindly feeling existing between Lehigh and Lafayette. During our game at Bethlehem, and for some time after, there appeared to be great animosity between the two institutions, but before the deciding game this animosity seemed to have passed away. When the Lehigh students returned to Bethlehem, on November 23d, we think that we can truly say that though we had never seen a game on our campus so severely contested, yet never had we seen one in which greater good feeling prevailed between the contestants and also between the friends of the opposing elevens than in this.

Our foot-ball games will always be exciting struggles, as the day has passed when either team will defeat the other by a large score, but there is no reason why they should not be, as the last, *manly* contests of *men*.

We earnestly hope that the feeling of friendship

which now appears to pervade both Lehigh and Lafayette may continue, and that the animosity of old may have been laid aside forever.—*The Lafayette*.

We congratulate the Cornell *Sun* and the *Era* upon the apparently successful outcome to their efforts for the establishment of a *Lit.* in the University. At a recent meeting of those interested a constitution was adopted. The name of the new publication will be the *Cornell Magazine*. Art. III., Sec. 1, is: The Board shall consist of an editor-in-chief, chosen from the Instructors of the University, and six Seniors chosen in the following manner: Two weeks before the close of the Spring term preceding the year for which they are to serve, five members of the Board shall be elected at a meeting of a committee composed of four members of the retiring Board, including the editor-in-chief, and three members of the Faculty appointed by the President of the University.

—The University of Pennsylvania has seven of its last year's nine back.

—A prize is given at Cornell for the best work in the study of Shakespeare.

—In the Amherst Freshman Class only nineteen men out of ninety-three use tobacco.

—There is a project on foot for lighting the Williams College buildings by electricity.

—Trinity's New Gymnasium contains a theatre, which will be used for college entertainments.

—By the will of the late Elias W. Leavenworth, Yale, '24, Hamilton, Syracuse and Yale each received \$5000.

—At the last meeting of the Princeton Club in New York \$1100 was raised and presented to the Princeton Base-Ball Association.

—A rumor is afloat that a Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi is soon to be established at Yale, in the Academic Department.—*Yale News*.

—An ordinance has been introduced in both select and common councils exonerating Lafayette College from tax for ten years, including 1887.—*The Lafayette*.

—St. Peter's College, the oldest college at Cambridge, England, was founded in 1275, Pembroke College in 1347, King's College in 1441 and Magdalene College in 1519.

—Corbin, '89, has been elected Captain of the Yale Foot-Ball Team; Cowan, '88, who will enter the Theological Seminary, of the Princeton Team, and Sears, '89, of the Harvard Team.

—The American Protective Tariff League has offered to all American colleges prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100 for the best three essays on the subject of the tariff. The essays are due on April 1, 1888.

—*Harper's Weekly* of last week contained a full page of illustrations of the Yale Team and of the Harvard and Yale coaches as they appeared on the Polo Grounds on Thanksgiving Day.



—Mr. W. Byrd Page, the champion running high jumper of the world, who is studying electricity at the University of Pennsylvania, will give only two more public exhibitions of his jumping powers.

—It is reported that Harkins of last year's Holy Cross College Nine of Worcester, who is regarded as one of the best amateur pitchers, as well as a fine general player, will play with Harvard next year.

—Two-thirds of the Dartmouth students work their way through college. A few years ago a certain student's principal source of income was from sawing wood. At present the same man draws a salary of \$5000 a year, as a civil engineer.

—Davidson, the first baseman of the Amherst Nine, played the twelve games of the Inter-Collegiate series without an error, thus beating the record of Kellogg of the Yale Nine, since in his position the chances for errors are infinitely greater than those of a right-felder.

—The *Harvard Crimson*, in a recent editorial on the social question at Harvard, says: "To those who are still in the dark as to our intents, we would say that we advise an improvement in the tone of Harvard life which will wipe out the deference paid to 'pink shirts and bull pups.'"

—The *Yale News* gives a prospect of the New Gymnasium, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The building will probably be of brownstone; 80 feet in width and 125 feet in length. In the basement will be a swimming tank 47 by 24 feet. Of 2000 lockers about 300 will be devoted to the use of the various athletic teams and the crews. There will be two committee rooms for athletic clubs; the office of the medical attendant; a room for boxing and fencing; shower baths and a trophy room. The second floor will be the exercise hall, 121 feet long and 76 feet wide.

#### CLIPPINGS.

##### AN AUTUMN LEAF.

"YOU are the Autumn leaf," said he,  
 "And my arms are the book, you know,  
 So I'll put the leaf in the book, you see,  
 And tenderly press it, so."

The maid looked up with a glance demure  
 And blushes her fair cheeks wore  
 As she softly whispered, "The leaf, I'm sure,  
 Needs pressing a little more."

—*Williams Weekly.*

##### A MEMORY.

PRONE at her feet in bliss he lies,  
 His cares forgot beneath her eyes;  
 Spread on her knee, of crimson bright  
 A silken flag, with strands of white.  
 With fingers deft she decorates,—  
 One side to Harvard dedicates,  
 To "90," one.

And now from her and class estranged,  
 He wonders if it might be changed

To "91." —*Harvard Advocate.*

#### A WARNING.

ONCE I was a happy college-man,  
 No cares oppressed my mind,  
 I ran up bills as I went along,  
 And left them far behind.

My livery bills I quite forget,  
 My tailor's bills as well,  
 When asked how much I owed my chum,  
 I never quite could tell.

Alas! alas! now all is changed,  
 Altho' I fume and fret,  
 Those wretched bills I once ran up  
 I never can forget.

They re with me while the daylight lasts,  
 They haunt me in my sleep.  
 Their horrid presence fills my mind,  
 Tho' rapt in *slumbers* deep.

I'm now a wretched college-man,  
 Thus with my cares beset,  
 No longer trifles slip my mind,  
 I've taken of *Loisette*.

—*Williams Weekly.*



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